IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: YAMAJI, et al.

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: January 26, 2005

Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner for Patents to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated September 13, 2004 for two months, from December 13, 2005 to February 13, 2005.

Attached please find a check in the amount of \$1,240.00 to cover the cost of the extension (\$450.00) and to cover the cost of the RCE (\$790.00) for a large entity. In the event that any additional fees are due in connection with this paper, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted.

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